

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (cancelled).

8. (New) A device for activating a personal protection device, comprising:

an arrangement configured to activate the personal protection device as a function of a delay between a first signal from an impact sensor system situated in a front of a vehicle and a second signal from a centrally located acceleration sensor system, the first and second signals each identifying an impact.

9. (New) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the arrangement is configured to determine a crash severity as a function of a delay and to activate the personal protection device as a function of the crash severity.

10. (New) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the arrangement initiates a deployment algorithm as a function of the first signal.

11. (New) The device as recited in claim 10, wherein the arrangement is configured to determine a size of an impact object as a function of the delay and influences the deployment algorithm as a function of the size.

12. (New) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the arrangement takes the delay into account in determining a site of impact.

13. (New) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the impact sensor system includes at least one of a contact sensor system, an acceleration sensor system, and an environment sensor system.

14. (New) The device as recited in claim 8, wherein the impact sensor system is distributed on a front of the vehicle.